



PLACER COUNTY
IHSS Advisory Committee
11533 "C" Avenue, Auburn, CA 95603
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Meeting Minutes
June 15, 2006

Attendance

Committee Members Present: Deborah Dahl, Eula Marshall, Ruth Lindsley, Mary (Katie) Snoberger, Mary DeGraaf, Margaret Maldaner, Michael Fletcher and Karen Boal.

Committee Members Absent: Diane Lester

County Staff Present: Eldon Luce, Cate Lynds and Shirlee Herrington.

Public: Linda Kelly, Sherrie Comer, Jeff Cowan, and Tim Cooper

Chairperson Margaret Maldaner called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Roll Call And Introductions: Roll was taken and a quorum was established.

Excused Absences: **Action:** A ***Motion*** was made by Katie Snoberger and seconded by Ruth Lindsley to excuse Diane Lester. The ***Motion*** carried.

Unexcused Absences: None.

Member Reports/Announcements/Questions: None

Public Comment: Jeff Cowan is an Independent Living Advocate for Placer Independent Resource Services (PIRS). Mr. Cowan requested being on the IHSS Advisory Committee mailing list and suggested posting the agenda to the IHSS Advisory Committee web site prior to the meeting.

Approve 5/18/06 Meeting Summary: **Action:** A ***Motion*** was made by Ruth Lindsley and seconded by Katie Snoberger to approve the 5/18/06 meeting summary as written. The ***Motion*** carried.

Committee Nominations: Margaret nominated Michael or Katie as Chairperson and Karen as Vice Chairperson.

Commission members expressed appreciation to both Margaret and Michael for their service as Committee Officers.

Close Nominations: **Action:** A ***Motion*** was made by Michael Fletcher and seconded by Eula Marshall to close nominations. The ***Motion*** carried.

Vote for Committee Officers: Katie Snoberger was elected Chairperson by majority vote. Karen Boal was elected Vice Chairperson by majority vote.

PA/Advisory Committee Newsletter: The Summer 2006 edition is scheduled for delivery by the end of June 2006. The newsletter is eight pages and includes articles on allergies, summer heat, and fire safety.

Recommendations Regarding AB1682 Funds: Eldon reported that the California Association of Public Authorities (CAPA) was asked by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to meet with the California Welfare Directors Association (CWDA) to try to define appropriate use of AB1682 funds. IHSS Advisory Committees are state mandated and therefore supported through state funding. Every county IHSS Advisory Committee in California receives approximately \$53,000. Initially, spending guidelines were very vague. Over the years, Advisory Committees began asking the state about spending and many times got different answers to the same question. CAPA and CWDA were brought together in an effort to define appropriate spending guidelines. CAPA will draft a statement of principles as a starting point. Once consensus is reached, recommendations will be submitted to CDSS.

The role of the IHSS Advisory Committee is to serve in an advisory capacity regarding IHSS and the IHSS Public Authority to the County Board of Supervisors, the governing body of the Public Authority, IHSS contractor(s), and any administrative body in the county that is related to the delivery and administration of IHSS. The CAPA/CWDA team decided that appropriate spending would be limited to activities that support the role of Advisory Committees.

AB1682 also states that counties have discretion to use the allocation for legitimate IHSS programs. There is much debate related to this topic.

California IHSS Consumer Alliance (CICA) Update: No Update.

PA Manager Report

- a. Provider Benefits:** There are currently 57 providers on the waiting list for provider health benefits. The average wait time is approximately 76 days.
- b. Provider Recruitment:** Newspaper advertisements for IHSS providers in the Auburn Journal and the Sacramento Bee have ended.
- c. AC Member Recruitment:** There are currently two vacancies for IHSS Recipients (current or former; public or private). Press Releases advertising the vacancies run in the Auburn Journal and Sacramento Bee every month.
- d. Registry Report:** Members reviewed the May registry report.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Next Meeting:

Date: July 20th, 2006 (Thursday)
Time: 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Location: The Domes, 175 Fulweiler, Auburn (Conference Room A)

REMINDER: The August 17th meeting will be held in the Dewitt Center at 11533 C Avenue, Auburn. ASOC Large Conference Room